

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/11/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 8-10, 12, 14, 20-21, 23, 28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Fred Grasso on 04/03/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 4,6-7,11,13,15,17-19,22,25,26-27 have been canceled since it is drawn to non-elected embodiments.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1, 20 and its dependent claims the prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious a system or method having two balloons each having a separate inflation lumen and located at the distal end of the catheter wherein one balloon is within the other and the outer balloon has a greater elasticity than the inner balloon and in combination with all the elements or method steps and further comprising a therapeutic coating on the exterior of the outer balloon when in the unexpanded and expanded state.

With respect to claim 12 and its dependent claim, the prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious a system having two balloons each having a separate inflation

lumen and located at the distal end of the catheter wherein one balloon is within the other and in combination with all the elements and further comprising a therapeutic coating on the exterior of the outer balloon and the outer balloon is impervious to the therapeutic agent.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

The following changes to the drawings have not been approved by the examiner. New proposed figure 2 is not approved. Applicant needs to resubmit a clean copy of this figure since it appears that artifacts may have been included in the fax transmission at lead line 18. Further, if the intent of applicant were draw a "black box" figure of the notch and rib, then this would be approved. With respect to proposed figure 5, this figure is still not approved since a declaration is not persuasive. The notches or ribs would not be gleamed from the specification as drawn in figure 5. This would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art since notches and ribs can be drawn in many ways. The notch and rib language is not new matter in the specification , however the drawing being introduced is considered to be new matter and thus not approved for entry. New figure 16 proposed 02/24/05 is also not approved. In order to avoid

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abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LoAn H. Thanh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (First Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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